SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

April 18th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"*Every word of God is pure* [is true]*: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.*"

(**Proverbs 30:5**)

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Beloved, I could never bring myself to use the word 'offer' with respect to the gospel. And that for one simple reason, our blessed Redeemer never did use such a word. Rather, ever so blessedly our Lord declares of His people, those precious sinners He came into the world to save, *"I GIVE unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish."* Zealous Christian, since our Lord never did offer salvation; allow me to offer you a better word, a biblical word, that you may say freely to one and all: beg. To one and all, I beg you, as one sent of Christ, as though the Father Himself was begging you through me *"be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made* [His sinless, well pleasing Son] *to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Corinthians 5:20-21). — Pastor

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost [Hebrews 7:25-26].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Tyler Richards, April 23rd

Alyson Murphy, April 25th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

"I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not"

"Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity."

(1 Timothy 2:7)

…you cannot say I have been preaching damnation to you; you cannot say I have, like [legalist freewill] preachers, been requiring you to make brick without straw. I have not bidden you to make yourselves saints, and then come to God; [but I have declared to you] salvation on as [free] terms as you can desire. I have [preached to] you Christ's *whole* wisdom, Christ's *whole* righteousness, Christ's *whole* sanctification and *eternal* redemption: [do you now find yourself believing on Him?] If you say, you cannot believe, you say [the truth]; for faith, as well as every other blessing, is the gift of God; [and so] then wait upon God, and who knows but He may have mercy on thee. Why do [you] not entertain more loving thoughts of Christ? Or do you think He will have mercy on others, and not on you? [But are you not a sinner]? And did not Jesus Christ come into the world to save sinners? [And even,] if you say you are the chief of sinners, I answer, that will be no hindrance to your salvation, indeed it will not, if you lay hold on Him by faith.

[My fellow creatures], my heart's desire and prayer to God is that you may be saved. For this cause I follow my Master without the camp. I care not how much of His sacred reproach [His sacred suffering] I bear, so that some of you be converted from the errors of your ways. I rejoice, yea and I will rejoice. Ye men, ye devils, do your worst: the Lord who sent, will support me. And when Christ, who is our life, and whom I have now been preaching, shall appear, I also, together with His despised little ones, shall appear with Him in glory. And then, what will you think of Christ? I know what you will think of Him. You will then think Him to be the fairest among ten thousand: You will then think and feel Him to be a just and sin-avenging judge. [Be persuaded then] to kiss Him lest he be angry, and so you be banished for ever from the presence of the Lord. Behold, I come to you as the angel did to Lot. Flee, flee, for your lives; [make] haste, linger no longer in your spiritual Sodom, for otherwise you will be eternally destroyed. [Multitudes], no doubt, there are amongst you, that may regard me no more than Lot's sons-in-law regarded him. I am persuaded I seem to some of you as one that mocketh: but *I speak the truth in Christ, I lie not;* as sure as fire and brimstone was rained from the Lord out of heaven, to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, so surely, at the great day, shall the vials of God's wrath be poured on you; if you do not think seriously of, and act agreeable to the gospel of the Lord's Christ. Behold, I have told you before, and I pray God, all you that forget Him may seriously think of what has been said, before He plucks you away, and there be none to deliver you. *"Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Philippians 4:20). — Copied

The concluding excerpt from a two hour message preached to thousands in a field somewhere in 18th century America

"Be encouraged in Him who is mighty to save and shall not fail"

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law" (**Isaiah 42:4**)

Reader, I'm so thankful that our Heavenly Father sends His ministers to declare the good news of the *blood* and *righteousness* of His darling well pleasing Son, our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. And when God performs His saving work in a sinner; He not only reveals Christ *to* him—but ever so blessedly *in* him, for this is the work of God [John 6:29, Galatians 1:15-16].

Listen to the true and living God commanding those He sends to comfort His people with the Gospel of His dear Son…

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1-2).

What great unspeakable good news beloved! Our salvation is accomplished! His blood "saves from wrath" And His righteousness "makes me pure."

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

God's ministers don't preach half a gospel, His ministers don't merely preach the atonement of His precious costly blood, but further to that they preach His people are now, at this very moment, complete in Him, through His righteous and true holiness! [Ephesians 4:24] Indeed, they are now reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, and presented *holy* and *unblameable* and *unreproveable* in God's sight, accepted in Christ Jesus! [Colossians 1:22, 2:10].

One brother writes, "'*unblameable and unreproveable'*: as they are, not now in themselves, but in Christ, as arrayed with His robe of righteousness and garments of salvation, being all glorious within, and their clothing of wrought gold, in which they will be introduced and presented to Himself, and to His Father, *faultless*, with exceeding joy, and stand so before the throne, and that to all eternity" [Jude 1:24-25]. Hallelujah!

Beloved, may the Father grant us [the reader and writer alike] to ever look to His Son, our Lord and God, Jesus Christ—and live [John 3:10-15]. Minister of Christ, be encouraged in Him who is mighty to save and shall not fail to save His people from their sins [Galatians 1, Isaiah 42:4, Matthew 1:21]. Your *'sanctified'* and *'perfected for ever'* brother in Christ, I pray [Hebrews 10:10, 10:14]. — Pastor

"I have no more doubt of going to my Saviour than if I were already in His arms; my guilt is ALL transferred; He has cancelled ALL I owed." IG